

ANS Correspondence.

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[Fitzwilliam Museum,  
Christ's College,  
Cambridge University]

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January 20, 1920

S. W. Cross, Esq., M.A.  
17 Willis Road  
Cambridge, England

Dear Sir:

Because of your article "Primitiae Heraclienses" in the 1917 Numismatic Chronicle, which has interested me greatly, I am venturing to ask whether you could without inconvenience send me casts of the Metapontum coins in the McLean (and any other Cambridge) collection. I am attempting an arrangement of the coins of this city, and your article has already proved of very considerable stimulative value. Nothing that I have yet discovered seems to be strongly in conflict with your position regarding Sir A. J. Evans' Horsemen of Tarentum, and by the time I have been able to prepare a list of signatures and magistrates' names on the Metapontum series, with what you have already done for Heraclia, and the material published by Sir Arthur Evans, we may be better able to generalise about the matter.

Should there be a charge in connection with having these casts prepared, will you kindly let me know?

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

17 Willis Road  
Cambridge  
November 23

Dear Sir

Your letter of June 4 to M<sup>r</sup>  
Cockerell was put into my hands  
the week before last & I promised  
to write to you.  
I was under the impression that  
the letter to me which you  
mention was written this year  
& that I had written to tell  
you of my continued absence  
from the Museum & of the  
death of M<sup>r</sup> Chapman who  
used to make the casts at  
the Fitzwilliam. I certainly

had enquired about your request  
because Chapman made two sets  
of casts of Metapontine coins  
one for M. Lauri Tudeer of  
Helsingfors who was doing a  
work on Metapontum four or  
five years ago, but from whom  
I have not heard for two or  
three years & one set, now in  
the British Museum, for the  
plates of the McClean catalogue.  
These cannot now be taken  
out of the Museum & I am  
afraid no casts can at  
present be made. I send  
you, however, a set of

plates of the Mc Clean coins &  
trust that this will go far to  
helping you. I am sorry for  
the delay & for any apparent  
discourtesy: but I am under  
the impression that I wrote  
to you fully explaining the  
circumstances — as I have had  
to do to several other  
enquirers —

Yours v. truly

S. W. Grose

December 14th, 1920

S. W. Grosse, Esq.  
17 Willis Road  
Cambridge, England

Dear Sir:

Your letter of November 23rd, together with the plates of the Metapontine coins in the McClean Collection, is at hand. I thank you very warmly for your kindness in sending them to me. With so many letters going astray, it is not surprising that your response to my earlier communication did not reach my hands.

May I extend my compliments on the appearance of these plates; they are superb, and quite offset the need for casts.

There is a possibility that I may be able to visit your collection during the coming summer. Will you kindly write me whether it would be possible for me to see these pieces, or whether there are certain times only when this privilege would be available? There are perhaps a dozen of the staters of which I should like impressions, and I could arrange to take them at that time, I think.

Will you, also, kindly advise me if there are any Metapontine pieces in the Leake or Fitzwilliam Collections at Cambridge?

I shall hope to be fortunate in meeting you if I do succeed in going to Cambridge, as your studies in the Magna-Græcian field lead me to feel that some of my 'discoveries' may prove interesting to you.

Will you kindly assure Mr. Cockerell that I have received these plates, and that my letter sent to him just before they reached my hands may be disregarded? I am writing to Mr. Cockerell to this effect.

Very respectfully yours,



May 19th, 1922

S. W. Grose, Esq.  
17 Willis Road  
Cambridge, England

Dear Mr. Grose:

On his return, Mr. Newell told me of his having seen you while at Cambridge, and of the progress you are making with the McClean Collection catalogue. I do not know how you propose to publish it, but if it is offered for sale we shall want a copy for the library, and Mr. Newell will also wish to have a copy for his own use.

Would it be possible for you to obtain for us a set of the plates for use in our card catalogue? I think that I explained to you that we mount each coin separately and then classify them according to types; and you will readily see how important it would be for us to have reproductions of the McClean specimens. If we could reciprocate by sending you any of the back numbers of our Journal which may be lacking in your file, equivalent in value, we should be very glad to do so.

I am reminded that you asked me to let you have the benefit of anything I might learn with regard to Metapontum pieces in the collection -

Referring to the last plate (the one containing the bronze pieces) I believe the fourth specimen on the top row is questionable. It differs radically from any of the other three dies of this type which I have found. Can you give me the weight of it, and also your own opinion now that your attention has been called to its questionableness?

The late piece with the countermark (the last in the second row on this plate) is, I think, plated. I have found five other specimens of these identical dies with this same countermark occurring in exactly relative position, showing that it was apparently

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engraved in the reverse die. Some of these are very obviously plated, so much so that the copper core is readily to be seen. Is there any trace of plating on your specimen?

The largest of the bronze coins on your plate is, I think, not Metapontine. Mr. Newell, to whom I spoke about it, said he thought that it resembled some of the North African issues, but I have not been able to locate it.

I hope you are making more progress with your study of the Croton series than I have succeeded in doing with Metapontum. Other work has prevented, but I hope during the summer to get something accomplished.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely yours,

SW/E

Secretary



June 12th, 1922.

S. W. Grose, Esq.,  
Fitzwilliam Museum,  
Cambridge, England.

Dear Mr. Grose:-

Thank you for your letter of May 30th and for the information you have given me as well as for your efforts in our behalf in connection with the plates of the McClean Catalogue. I appreciate your courtesy.

I am sorry you have not yet begun on Croton, but I know how other duties interfere with such work.

Thank you for the casts. I know Mr. Newell will be glad to have the one of Amphipolis.

You speak of the institutions or collectors who would be interested in your catalogue. You might note the following:-

Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Massachusetts.

Boston Public Library, Boston, Massachusetts.

New York Public Library, 5th Avenue & 42nd Street, New York.

Connecticut State Library, Hartford, Connecticut.

Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.

Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey.

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.

University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.

Congressional Library, Washington, D. C.

Private individuals:

W. Godney Heatty, 247 Central Park West,  
New York.

Dr. Edwin P. Robinson, 12 High Street,  
Newport, Rhode Island.

Henry A. Greene, Turk's Head Building,  
Providence, Rhode Island.

Dr. T. L. Compagette, United States Mint,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Theodore T. Belote, United States National  
Museum, Washington, D. C.

Edward T. Newell, c/o The American Numis-  
matic Society, Broadway & 156th Street,  
New York.

Dealers:

Wayte Raymond, 489 Park Avenue, New York.

Henry Chapman, 333 South 16th Street,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

S. Hudson Chapman, 1128 Spruce Street,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Thomas L. Elder, 21 West 35th Street,  
New York.

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It is probable that some of the private individuals and of the dealers may not care to order the work if it is expensive, but I think the list I have given should bring results in the majority of cases.

Please give my greetings to Mr. Cockrell as well as to Mr. Ryder when you see them, and say that I asked to be remembered to your wife.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

July 14th, 1923

S. W. Grosse, Esq.  
Fitzwilliam Museum  
Cambridge, Eng. and

Dear Mr. Grosse:

We have just received the prospectus for the Catalogue of the Meibian Collection. If you have not done so, will you please have our order entered for a copy. Please have it addressed to the Library of the American Numismatic Society, as by so doing we are able to avoid the payment of importation duties.

I was in London for a week last month, and many times thought how I should have liked to find time to go to Cambridge; nevertheless, it was impossible.

It would give me a lot of pleasure to hear how you are and what you are doing in a numismatic way. You may rest easy Salaman who will have told you of the splendid time I enjoyed in Athens.

Do you know if the second volume of Professor Cook's ZEUS has yet appeared.

Very cordial regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

SPM/E

Secretary

25.4.23

Dear Noe

I have your letter and sent it round to the Press. Their London house will, I understand, deal with it.

The second volume of Cook's Zeas is not yet published, but I believe it will appear shortly - that is to say during this year & probably in the early autumn.

I am sorry we did not see you when you were in England this last month; perhaps you will be coming again next year? I hope that your work on Metapontum is progressing & likely to appear before long.

Can you tell me whether M<sup>r</sup> Newell  
has published anything on the  
Alexander tetradrachms etc apart  
from his 'Dated coinage of Syria & Ace'  
& his articles in the Numismatic  
Chronicle of which I recollect one at  
least & can look the others up  
when I wish, if they exist there. But  
is there anything in American publications  
or elsewhere?

With kind regards to you both

Yours v. sincerely

S. W. Giese



September 12th, 1923

S. W. Grose, Esq.  
Fitzwilliam Museum  
Cambridge, England

Dear Mr. Grose:

Thank you for your letter of August 25th. We have just received the copy of the McClean Catalogue, and I congratulate you on results. It looks very well indeed! Now, how soon will you get out the second volume? This is just to counter your question about Metapontum, with which I have done nothing for a year. Most of this time was spent in Athens where my attention was taken with other matters.

With regard to your question concerning Mr. Newell's publications, there is his first article on the Demanhur hoard published in the American Journal of Numismatics for 1911 and 1912. This is very useful because it has a large number of plates. There are other articles in the American Journal - The Alexandrine Coinage of Sinope, 1918; Myriandros, 1920, and Tarsoes, 1918. The Kyparrakia Hoard is No. 2 of Numismatic Notes and Monographs; while a re-survey of the Demanhur Hoard, which will supercede the earlier publication, is just ready for issue. I think you will find most of these in your library.

At your convenience, would you kindly have a cast made for me of the small gold piece of Amphipolis? You sent a cast of it to Mr. Newell some time ago but he is unable to locate it, and as one of our writers is preparing an article on the issue of which this formed a part, I should like to be able to reproduce it.

Thanking you in anticipation, and with cordial regards,

Very sincerely yours,

SPN/E

Secretary

October 13th, 1923.

S. W. Grose, Esq.,  
Fitzwilliam Museum,  
Cambridge, England.

Dear Mr. Grose:

Thank you very much indeed for the casts of the gold half-stater of Amphipolis.

I am sorry that you are having difficulty with the publication of Volume II of the McLean Catalogue, and do hope that a way will be found to meet the problem. The collection is such a monument to its donor that it would be a shame if for any reason anything should prevent its conclusion.

Mr. Hill's suggestion of a similar treatment of the Leake Collection would be desirable is a very pertinent one. You are indeed to be congratulated on having so much fine material at Cambridge. I wish I might spend several weeks there.

If I can in any way be of service to you, please feel I shall only be too glad to have you call upon me.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

From The ~~British~~ Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge. Tel. 1023

Can you tell me whether Mr Newell has views on the Alexander tetradrachms with an apostolion in the field to l. and P. in the throne? A specimen occurs in a find in which a friend of mine is interested & he thought it might hold a clue to dating. But I do not think that Mr Newell has dealt with this variety.

When are we to expect your work on Metaphorism? My vol. 2 is now at the Press & we are up to p. 304 I expect it to run to 550-600 pp. with 137 plates, so we are some time off publication at present. Yours ever  
S. W. Grosse

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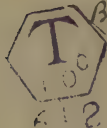


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S. P. Noe Esq.

American Numismatic Society

Broadway at 156th Street  
New York



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July 11, 1925

S. W. Grose, Esq.  
Fitzwilliam Museum  
Cambridge  
England

Dear Mr. Grose:

Your card came this morning. Mr. Newell tells me that the Alexander Tetradrachm you describe is of the Amphipolis Mint and datable circa 315 to 310 B. C. He could be a little more certain if you were in a position to send him a cast of the particular specimen, of course, and he is interested in the hoard in which it occurred. I am wondering whether you can give us further details.

Speaking of hoards, I am sending you under separate cover a copy of my Bibliography of Greek Coin Hoards which has just been published and which you may find useful. This will serve as a partial explanation of why the work on Metapontum has been held up. I am just taking it up again, although the prospects for completing it in the immediate future are rather unpromising.

I am very glad that your second volume of the McLane catalog is coming forward. One of our members is working on the Maronetan series. If it would not be too presuming, could you send us proofs of the plates of such Maroneia pieces as you have, when you reach them? We should greatly appreciate it if you can see your way clear to doing so. Before getting back to Metapontum, I am planning to try to finish my account of the Mende Hoard. Did any of these tetradrachms get into Mr. McLane's collection?

With cordial regards, I am

Very sincerely yours

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Secretary

January 4, 1927

S. W. Grose, Esq.,  
Fitzwilliam Museum,  
Cambridge, England

Dear Mr. Grose:

Permit me to offer you my congratulations on the second volume of your Catalogue of the Hoare Collection, which reached my hands today. In some ways this involves even more considerable difficulties than you had to face with the first volume, but the value of such a record is difficult to overestimate. I am sure the work has brought its own reward to you. Very few of those who use it will realize the amount of energy that has gone into the making of it. The indexes of of types and symbols should be most valuable and likewise helpful will be your list of monograms.

It was Mr. Hill, was it not, who in reviewing volume one expressed the hope that the authorities at Cambridge might find means for enabling you to catalogue the Leake collection. I wish they might. There is much of value there. Cambridge ought to produce some youthful numismatists.

With best wishes for the New Year to yourself and Mrs. Grose, I am

Very truly yours,

Secretary

SEN:MB



February 5, 1922

Mr. S. W. Grose,  
Christ's College,  
Cambridge, England

Dear Sir:

Yours of January 17th is at hand. Thank you for your kind inquiry regarding my work with Metacentum. I am trying to finish up the first part, which will be devoted to the ~~large~~ coins alone, with twenty-three plates.

I note your request regarding Mr. Lloyd's work on Silinus. I believe he has already received parts of Mr. Hoyt Miller's coins. Mr. Newell will send one or two, when he has added since publication of his investigations by Schenbacher. You might suggest his writing to Mr. E. P. Robinson at 12 High Street, Hartford, P. I., Mr. George J. Elmer of 142 St. Paul St., Rochester, N. Y., who may have one or more coins. Professor E. P. Andrews, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. is another possibility, although I am not sure whether he has anything, who Mr. George P. Hawler, 5711 Elgin Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. Should I learn of other collections or specimens, which might be of interest, I shall gladly send them.

You ask about Canada,--the only collection there of which I am informed is that in the Royal Ontario Museum of Archaeology, of which Professor T. C. Corbally is director. Miss Cornelia G. Marcus is keeper of the classical collection and you might write either to her or to the director. I am not certain that they have any Silenus, however.

Do you think Mr. Lloyd would care to have the Metacentum pieces in his possession incorporated in my opus. In these pieces would not matter so much as the double relief issues.

Very cordially yours,

Secretary

SWN:MF

From Mr S. W. GROSE, Tutor, Christ's College Cambridge  
England

Dear Noe

I am sorry that there has been such delay in answering your letter of Feb. 5. I passed it on to Mr Lloyd who asks me to thank you for the information you have given.

As to his Metapontine coins, he says that if you care to deal with them in your book he would be most willing to afford you facilities: but if you are

more or less complete he does not want  
you to disturb your work as a favour to  
him. I think he also said that there  
were one or two of the incense pieces which  
you would find of interest.

Yours ever v. sincerely

S. W. Gorse

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March 24, 1927

Mr. S. W. Grose,  
Christ's College,  
Cambridge, England

Dear Grose:

Thank you very much for your card under date of March 12th. I should very much like to have Mr. Lloyd's pieces for incorporation in my work. Although it is nearly complete, there should be little difficulty in adding records of his pieces. Where they come from auction sales, if he can refer me to those, there would be no need for additional citation. For the present I need only the incuse pieces but, of course, I should want the others for the succeeding portion, although there is no especial urgency about having these at this time.

If there are any pieces which are unpublished, I should appreciate having casts of them. For pieces which have not appeared in auction sales, if there could be an identification of dies with such catalogues as your own of the McClean collection or other similar catalogues, that would reduce the number of casts that would need to be made. Please express to Mr. Lloyd my appreciation for his kindness in the matter and accept on your own behalf my thanks for your aid.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

SPN:MT

August 12, 1927

Mr. S. W. Grose,  
Christ's College,  
Cambridge, England

Dear Mr. Grose:-

One of the members of our Society is undertaking an assortment of acquisitions of Brounche of the Brounche type (not those of Fison). Will you be so kind as to have prints of these in the possession of your society prepared and sent to me at your convenience, together with a memorandum to cover the cost of having this done. It is our purpose to illustrate not only possibly all of these acquisitions. It is consequently necessary to have the prints.

Thanking you for past courtesies, I beg to subscribe myself

Very respectfully yours,

W. W. W.

Secretary

214 November, 1927

S. W. Grese, Esq.,  
17, Nelson Street,  
Birmingham, England

Dear Mr. Grese:

In working on a monograph which is being prepared by Professor Vest and which deals with the fishes of Lakes and Thomas, we find that Micropoma plays in the Nelson Collection plays a rather important part. Again I again I beg to urge your kindness to ask that you send either casts or well-preserved specimens of numbers 3858 to 3860, inclusive; and also the Leake piece illustrated on page 70 of the Harvard Brown edition of his monograph, the weight of which is 122.5. If you could also send a cast of No. 4200, I should be very glad to have it, as it is probably one of the finest specimens of this variety in existence. If there are any similar coins in the Nelson collection at Cambridge known to you, I should much appreciate it if you could indicate casts of these coins.

In appreciation of your many services, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary



16th January, 1928

S. W. Grose, Esq.,  
Fitzwilliam Museum,  
Cambridge, England

Dear Mr. Grose:

This morning I received the Maronela casts which you were so good as to send. Thank you very much indeed. What fine pieces they are! I appreciate very much your cordial help.

With best wishes for the New Year, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.

20th March, 1928

S. W. Grose, Esq.,  
18, Robson Street,  
Cambridge, England

Dear Mr. Grose:

The casts of the Maronean pieces which you so kindly sent me recently have been a great help. Unfortunately, I omitted to ask for one of the most important, Plate CXLIV, No. 3960. Might I have a sealing-wax impression of it or a cast if that would be simpler? I am very sorry to trouble you, but it is an important piece and should appear on our plates.

With cordial regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

From MR S. W. GROSE, Tutor, Christ's College, Cambridge

I hope the cast of the coin of Maronein has by  
now turned up.

S. W. G.

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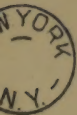


S. P. Noe Esq.

The American Numismatic Society  
Broadway between 155<sup>th</sup> / 156<sup>th</sup>  
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New York

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April 24, 1928

S. W. Grosse, Esq.,  
Christ's College  
Cambridge, England.

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for the cast of the Maroneia .  
The McClean 3960 reached my hands this morning. I appreciate  
the promptness of your courtesy.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.